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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06843-0027-03000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
FOX et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/378,759 ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filed: August 23, 1999 ) Examiner: M. Brannock  
For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING )  
EPH-LIKE RECEPTOR )  
TYROSINE KINASES )

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M.G.J.  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the substantive examination of this application, please amend this  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

28. An antibody or fragment thereof that specifically binds a polypeptide  
comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO:  
13, SEQ ID NO: 15, or SEQ ID NO: 17.

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